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SUBJ:

1. FRENCH SERVICE OF RADIO YAOUNDE'S APRIL 23 AM NEWSCAST REPORTED US REFUSAL TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNESCO BUDGET "BECAUSE OF UNESCO'S ANTI-ISRAELI ACTIONS." NEWSCASTER ADDED, "THE UNITED STATES SHOULD REALIZE THAT THE LIBERTY OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE CANNOT BE BOUGHT."

2. APRIL 23 CAMEROON TRIBUNE NEWS STORY ON SAME SUBJECT INCLUDES COMMENT, "WASHINGTON APPEARS TO HAVE DECIDED TO SUPPORT ITS ZIONIST PROTEGES COME HELL OR HIGH WATER. IN ANY CASE, THE HEBREW STATE ENJOYS ALMOST UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR ISRAELI INTRASIGENCE..."

ARTICLE GOES ON TO CITE US REASON FOR WITHHOLDING ITS CONTRIBUTION AS A PROTEST AGAINST WHAT IT SEES AS UNESCO'S RECENT POLITICAL DECISIONS REGARDING ISRAEL, ADDING, "IN FACT, SOURCES AT UNESCO NOTE THAT THE 'POLITICIZATION,' CONSIDERED INEVITABLE, DOES NOT DATE FROM YESTERDAY AND THAT THE AMERICANS THEMSELVES HAVE ALREADY BEGUN THE POLITICIZATION OF UNESCO: NOTABLY, IN 1950, THEY ASKED THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION TO APPROVE THE UN RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING KOREA,

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CONTENDING THAT UNESCO IS A POLITICAL ORGANISM." ITEM.

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